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RAMSGATE VICAR LEAVING

Rev. C. R. Farnsworth's New Appointment

REQUEST FROM ARCHBISHOP

The Rev. Charles Roy Farnsworth, Vicar of Ramsgate, announced to his congregation at St. George's Church on Sunday that he will be leaving the town in the near future to take up another appointment.

Mr. Farnsworth has accepted the living of St. Luke's, West Norwood. The exact date of his departure is not yet known but he hopes to remain in Ramsgate until after Easter.

Telling his parishioners that it was not the first offer that he had received from the Archbishop of Canterbury recently, the Vicar said Dr. Temple

had now asked him to go to West Norwood. The Archbishop had suggested he should regard this as a call rather than as an ordinary offer as he had been unaware that the late Vicar of St. Luke's, West Norwood, the Rev. Sydney Ruscoe, had been an old friend of Mr. Farnsworth and had expressed the wish both to his wife and to his wardens that Mr. Farnsworth should succeed him.

"So, with what amounts to an instruction from his Grace and the desire of an old friend, I feel I cannot do anything but accept the appointment," said Mr. Farnsworth. "I had hoped, as I told the wardens, to continue in Ramsgate throughout the war. It will naturally be with very great regret that I move at this time, leaving so many problems with regard to the church and the day schools behind me."

Bishop's Decision.

As to the date he would leave Ramsgate, the Vicar said he was anxious to continue the preparation of a number of candidates, including some adults, for confirmation at the end of March and to see the Religion and Life Week carried through. That would bring him to Holy Week and Easter. The decision would rest with the Bishop of Southwark, in whose diocese his new church was situated, but the Archbishop had undertaken to communicate with the Bishop with regard to his commitments. "The Archbishop is anxious that my departure should not be immediate," said Mr. Farnsworth.

When Mr. Farnsworth leaves to take his new charge, Ramsgate will lose a man who, in his onerous work, has displayed great strength of character. He has not been without his critics, but his fearless convictions were never more fully evidenced in Ramsgate than on the occasion in the summer season of 1939 when he invited Billy Merrin and His Commanders and the concert parties entertaining in the town to a special service at St. George's. There the music for the hymns was played by the famous dance band and solos were sung by concert party artistes.

Mr. Farnsworth was inducted and instituted as Vicar of Ramsgate on 7th September, 1938, succeeding the Rev. W. A. R. Ball. For nearly three years previous to that he was Vicar of Emmanuel Church, Bridlington, Yorkshire, where he took the bold step of introducing a church at the South Cliff Holiday Camp.

From Engineering to the Church.

Educated at Corpus Christi College, Cambridge, he took his B.A. degree in 1913. Previously he had been an engineer but decided to enter holy orders in 1910.

For five years from 1913 Mr. Farnsworth was curate of St. Thomas' Church, Pendleton, but he joined the forces during the war as chaplain and spent nine months of his two years' service in France. Invalided out of the Army, he returned to Pendleton and from 1918 to 1920 was curate of Exning, Newmarket. From there he went to Meads, near Eastbourne, where he was curate till 1924, in which year he was appointed Rector of St. John the Baptist, Southover, near Lewes. Mr. Farnsworth held this living until 1930, when he became Vicar of Preston, Brighton. He went to Bridlington in 1935.

Mr. Farnsworth considers it was unfortunate that he became Vicar of Ramsgate only a year before the war broke out. He has always been actively interested in youth movements and in those brief 12 months he threw all his energies into the social side of the church affairs. The start of the war, however, saw a total collapse of those interests, although their revival can confidently be expected as a result of the Religion and Life Week.

In spite of Mr. Farnsworth's comparatively short peace-time ministry in Ramsgate, however, his influence in the town was wide and he identified himself with work in many spheres. Deeply interested in local government, he attended the meetings of Ramsgate Council as chaplain to the Mayor (Alderman A. B. C. Kempe) and it was at his instigation that prayers now precede the business of the authority. Following the death of Miss M. A. Wilson in November, 1939, the Vicar became the first co-opted member of the Council. He is also a member of Ramsgate Education Committee and chairman of the managers of St. George's Central Schools.

The War Years.

Although the war saw the temporary suspension of the church's social activities, it by no means lessened Mr. Farnsworth's work. In fact, it brought a heavier burden on his shoulders and since its outbreak the Vicar has been unable to take a holiday. On the one Sunday that he was away from the town in the past three years he preached three sermons to congregations at Stafford. Following the departure of the Vicars of St. Paul's and St. Luke's soon after the commencement of hostilities, Mr. Farnsworth took charge of both those parishes.

Lesser known possibly to his parishioners, but none the less energetic, has been the Vicar's work among the forces. He holds the offices of officiating naval chaplain and officiating chaplain to the forces locally who have not their own permanent chaplain, and in this connection he has visited units and conducted nearly 750 special services.

The forces have special reason to be thankful to Mr. Farnsworth for the practical interest he has taken in their entertainment. He gives up four days of every fortnight to visit isolated units with his portable cinema apparatus and by the end of this week will have given his 549th show. Each performance of two hours duration includes a full-length feature, cartoons and topical films.

St. Luke's Church, West Norwood, is one of the four churches in south London that were built by the same architect as memorials to the Waterloo campaign and the parish has a population of over 24,000. There is a small daughter church and three curates.

Like her husband, Mrs. Farnsworth has worked energetically in Ramsgate and during this war has been rendering valuable service as local organiser in connection with the Red Cross and St. John Prisoner of War Organisation.

The appointment of the Vicar's successor is under consideration.

COUNCIL RESIGNATION

VACANCIES AT MARGATE

Councillor E. Dixon has resigned his seat as a representative of the Marine Ward on Margate Town Council.

The report of Council in committee, presented at a meeting of the Council to-day, stated that letters had been received from the Thanet Trades Council and the National Union of General and Municipal Workers submitting the name of a nominee to fill one of the vacancies for the Salmestone Ward.

The Town Clerk (Mr. P. T. Grove) submitted particulars of the ten existing vacancies in various wards and it was decided that the question of the election of persons to fill the vacancies should be further deferred.

The Town Clerk was instructed to ascertain from five members of the Council at present residing outside the district whether they intended to resume residence within the borough and desired to continue their membership of the Council.

2nd-Lt. JIM GOODYEAR

OLD RUYMIAN'S DEATH ON ACTIVE SERVICE

Old Ruymians will regret to learn of the death on active service of 2nd-Lt. James Julian (Jim) Goodyear, of the Royal Corps of Signals.

Younger son of Mr. and Mrs. F. Goodyear, he was 22 years of age and was serving in India. His father recently retired from his post as handicraft master at Chatham House School, Ramsgate.

2nd-Lt. Goodyear, who rose from the ranks to obtain his commission, had intended to follow his father's profession.

GETTING TOGETHER

THANET POST-WAR PROBLEMS

Representatives of the three Thanet towns of Ramsgate, Margate and Broadstairs are to meet to discuss post-war problems common to them all.

The report of Council in committee, presented at a meeting of Margate Town Council to-day, stated that the Town Clerk (Mr. P. T. Grove) reported on and the committee discussed the present proposals and recommendations of the associations, representing the various classes of local authorities in the country, regarding the reform of local government after the war.

A letter was read from the Town Clerk of Ramsgate (Mr. H. G. Curtis) suggesting that representatives of Margate, Ramsgate and Broadstairs Councils, not exceeding four in number, should meet to discuss problems common to the three towns.

It was decided that the Margate representatives should be the Mayor (Councillor F. J. Cornford) and Aldermen G. P. Hoare, E. S. Linington and W. C. Redman.

MR. EDWIN KNIGHT

DEATH OF FORMER RAMSGATE TRADER

Parishioners of Holy Trinity, Ramsgate, will regret to learn of the death at Elmhurst, Balfour-road, Walmer, on Saturday, of Mr. Edwin David Knight.

Mr. Knight was 87 years of age and for over 40 years carried on business as a grocer and provision merchant in Bellevue-road, Ramsgate. For many years he was people's warden at Holy Trinity Church.

When he and Mrs. Knight celebrated their diamond wedding anniversary last April they received a telegram of congratulation from the King and Queen.

A native of Sissinghurst, Mr. Knight was a Past Master of the St. Lawrence Lodge of Freemasons.

BLACK-OUT TIMES

To-day	...	5.44 p.m.—8.32 a.m.
Wednesday	.	5.46 p.m.—8.31 a.m.
Thursday	...	5.47 p.m.—8.30 a.m.
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Sunday	...	5.51 p.m.—8.28 a.m.

ON SERVICE IN INDIA

Best wishes to their friends at home are sent by these three Thanet R.A.F. boys, who are on service at a hill station in India.

From left to right they are Jimmy Brough and Fred Miller, of Ramsgate, and Ray Gallagher, of Margate.

All three have been together since they first went overseas. They served in Egypt before being transferred to India.

SOLDIERS WERE BORED

PRISON SENTENCES FOR LOOTING

Five soldiers who were stated by defending counsel to have been subject to exceptional boredom while stationed in Margate were sent to prison for looting at Margate Quarter Sessions on Friday.

The Recorder (Mr. R. A. Gordon, K.C.) sentenced Sgt. Edward Albert Lewin, aged 29, to 12 months' imprisonment, and sentences of six months each were passed on Ptes. William Frederick Heath, 25, William Head, 20, Charles Matthews, 23, and Richard Scorer, 28.

They pleaded guilty to being concerned in stealing various articles to the value of £30, the property of Robert Ingram, from 27-29 Harold-road, Margate, and also to looting at the premises.

A sixth man, Cyril Ratcliffe, who stole 5s. from the same house, was bound over for two years.

Mr. A. L. Stevenson appeared for the prosecution and Mr. B. H. Waddy represented all the defendants.

Mr. Stevenson said the most serious charge was obviously that of looting. The men were sent to Margate, not only in connection with their military training, but also to protect the property, but instead of protecting it they took advantage of the absence of the owner to go into the house and steal his goods.

Hidden in Garden.

Defendants belonged to a regiment stationed in Margate at the time and apparently heard that they were to be moved on 24th November. In the preceding week they entered the house and took the things they fancied. They opened cupboards and drawers and took such things as cups, saucers, knives, spoons, eiderdowns, sheets, pillow slips and so on. They placed them in a tea-chest, which they hid in the garden until they moved, when they placed it on a Bren-gun carrier. When they reached their new billet at Brasted the chest was hidden in a greenhouse and later taken by Scorer and Heath to Lewin's room. While they were sorting out the things they were seen by an officer. When interviewed by a police officer they frankly admitted the various parts they had played in the transaction.

Continuing, counsel said Lewin was the senior in rank and from what one could gather he seemed to be the ringleader. Two of the stolen eiderdowns were on his bed at Brasted, and there were other stolen articles in his room, including Christmas candles and decorations. More stolen property was found in a haversack belonging to him which was concealed in a water tank in the greenhouse and a suitcase of his was also found full of stolen property. Scorer admitted that he took some of the knives and forks, and Head had admitted that he helped to carry the chest out, adding that he wanted some of the stuff for his wife. Matthews and Heath were probably the two least to blame for the offence, for Matthews said he went in to see what he could pick up, but did not actually take anything, only helping to carry out the chest, and Heath said the same.

Recalled to Army.

D/I Cory said Lewin was a married man, born at Fulham, and joined the Army for seven years when he was 16, being discharged and placed on reserve in 1935. After being employed in the ordnance survey office as a draughtsman he was called up in 1939. His character was good and there were no previous convictions against him, but he admitted receiving a clock, knowing it to have been stolen, between 15th October and 20th November last, and wished that to be taken into consideration. Heath was a single man, born in Surrey, and prior to joining up in 1940 was a gardener chauffeur. His civilian and Army characters were good. He admitted stealing a pair of vases between 28th September and 10th October from 54 Harold-road, and wished that offence to be taken into consideration. Head, who was married, joined the Army in 1938 when he was 16, after being employed on a poultry farm in Sussex, and his character was good. He was married three years ago when in Goole, Yorks., where his wife and two children were living. Matthews, a single man, worked in London before joining the Army in May, 1940, and his conduct was satisfactory. Scorer, who had a wife and two children living in London, was bound over in 1936 for stealing, but otherwise his character was quite satisfactory.

Recommended for Decoration.

In reply to Mr. Waddy, witness said he did not know that Head, who was only 20, served in France and was recommended for a decoration.

Capt. F. de Woolfe said the defendants were in his regiment and when they first came to Margate a warning against looting was read out to them on parade. All the men were good soldiers and there was nothing against their characters, with the exception of Head, who had had some detention for stealing military property.

Mr. Waddy: Despite any blemishes on their conduct sheets for absences and so on, would you describe these men as good soldiers?

Witness: I can.

Are they the sort of men you would be happy to go over the top with?—Very definitely.

Would I be right in saying that while they were stationed in Margate circumstances were such that training did become monotonous and boring?—Yes

Addressing the Recorder, Mr. Waddy suggested that it was one of those cases of looting which came very low down in the scale of gravity and could be treated on a lenient basis. "When you have men bored and idle," continued counsel, "with small pocket money and they commit an offence like this of going into a house and taking all sorts of things which will make life a little more comfortable, is it not an offence which one can understand? When you have men who have succumbed to temptation, despite their good characters, in such circumstances, I respectfully submit that you have a very difficult problem to solve in knowing what to do with them. Looting is a serious offence, but on the other hand, if you weigh these men's sins in the balance they were not so grave. If you see fit, these men can be sent abroad where they will see real active service."

Influence For Evil.

Sentencing the men, the Recorder said they had pleaded guilty to a very serious offence. He felt he must distinguish between Lewin and the other men, for Lewin was in a position of responsibility as a sergeant, and had an influence either for good or evil. Evidently he had an influence for evil in that case and led the others into it.

Pte. Cyril Ratcliffe, aged 30, then entered the dock and pleaded guilty to looting the same premises and stealing 5s.

Mr. Stevenson said the facts were almost identical. Accused apparently went into the house just before the other men, saw a hospital collecting box and took it. On his own admission there was 5s. in it. According to the man's statement to the police he also stole some coal from the house.

The Recorder told Ratcliffe that he was receiving the advantage of a good character, but he had run a great risk. He would be bound over for two years.

BRETT—ANDREWS

ST. PETER'S SOLDIER WEDS

Members of the N.F.S. formed an archway of axes for the bridal couple to pass beneath when Pte. John Douglas Brett, Northern Ireland Forces, sixth son of Mrs. and the late Mr. Albert Brett, of Norman-road, St. Peter's, was married at the parish church of St. John the Baptist, Great Clacton, on Saturday, to Miss Patricia Clarice Andrews, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. Andrews, of Great Clacton, Clacton-on-Sea.

The bride, who is a member of the N.F.S. at Clacton, was charmingly dressed in ivory satin with veil and orange blossom headdress, and carried a bouquet of arum lilies and coloured chrysanthemums. She was attended by a maid of honour and five bridesmaids dressed in blue and pink crepe and each carrying a bouquet of chrysanthemums.

Cpl. Henry M. Rowland, R.A.F., of Broadstairs, a friend of the bridegroom, was best man.

Conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. S. A. Martin, M.A.), the service included the hymns "Lead us, Heavenly Father, lead us" and "Love Divine," and the ballad "I'll walk beside you" was played as a voluntary.

Well-known in Broadstairs and Ramsgate, the bridegroom has had rather an unusual service career. After unsuccessful attempts to enter the reserve armed forces in peace-time, he joined the A.F.S. at Broadstairs. Later he enlisted in the Hampshire Regiment, but was recalled to the N.F.S. at Clacton during the blitz and has recently been transferred back to the Army. Four of his brothers and a nephew are serving in the Army and his fifth brother is engaged on Government constructional work.

November Babies.—Six boys and six girls were born in Ramsgate during November. In the same month the death took place of four males and six females.

This is a moment for looking ahead. The past is unalterable; the future our own making. 1942 saw the suspension of the Express Coach Services. It might be optimistic to promise that 1943 will see their return, but, at worst, it will be a milestone in the direction of their restoration. We *do* promise you that.

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Ramsgate Education Committee

AN EXAMINATION FOR THE AWARD OF SPECIAL PLACES AND FOR ADMISSION OF FEE-PAYING PUPILS to the Ramsgate County Schools and also for admission to the St. George's Central Schools, Ramsgate, will be held on Friday, 5th March, 1943, beginning at 9.30 a.m.

County Schools.

Children living in Kent who were born in the calendar year 1932 should enter for the examination. Owing to an increase in the number of Special Places to be offered, the number of places available for fee-paying pupils will be correspondingly reduced. All children of the correct age who seek admission either as Special Pupils or fee-paying pupils are, therefore, advised to enter for this examination.

Central Schools.

Admission to the Ramsgate St. George's Central Schools is open to children, born in the calendar year 1932, at present attending the Elementary Schools of Ramsgate, Broadstairs, St. Peter's, Minster, Manston and Monkton, and also children attending private schools in the Borough of Ramsgate.

Candidates will take the Special Place Examination. Those children who do not obtain Special Places will be considered for admission to St. George's Selective Central Schools.

Forms of application and particulars may be obtained from Mr. P. Dowling, at 61 Old Dover-road, Canterbury, to whom they must be returned not later than Saturday, 23rd January, 1943.

P. R. MORRIS,
Director of Education,
Kent Education Committee.

S. V. WEST,
Secretary to the
Ramsgate Education Committee.

CITY OF CANTERBURY AND COUNTY OF KENT EDUCATION COMMITTEES

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Forms of application may be obtained from the Principal, Canterbury Technical Institute, and must be returned not later than SATURDAY, 23rd January, 1943.

R. H. STEVENS, B.Sc.,
Director of Education.

78 London-road,
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DEATH OF MR. S. H. TODD

A well-known Ramsgate family has been bereaved by the death of Mr. Stephen Henry Todd, of 12 Bright's-place, which occurred after only two days' illness.

Mr. Todd was 55 years of age and for many years was employed by Ramsgate Corporation. From the outbreak of war he superintended the bunks in Ramsgate's tunnel shelter.

He was the father of nine children—four sons and five daughters—and the eldest son, Stephen, who was serving with the Royal Artillery, was reported missing at Singapore.

FUTURE OF RURAL DISTRICT COUNCILS

REGIONALISM INADMISSIBLE

Strong opposition to the post-war continuance of any form of regionalism in local government is expressed in a memorandum issued yesterday by the Executive Council of the Rural District Councils' Association of England and Wales.

The memorandum points out that the existing 476 rural district councils govern no less than four-fifths of the population and continues:

"Regionalism, designed for war-time purposes, is inadmissible and alien to the democratic idea of representative government. Proposals supporting it would destroy real local self-government and undermine the distinctive rural way of life which must be upheld in the general interest.

"The title 'rural' has now acquired an added distinction in the public mind and should be retained. Co-operation between urban and rural authorities is most desirable; anything in the nature of domination is out of date.

"The machinery provided by Parliament for the periodic revision of boundaries can be improved and should be applied to boroughs as well as to urban and rural districts.

"County councils are already over-burdened with a resulting tendency to lessen the influence of elected representatives and increase centralised bureaucracy. This should be countered, not by limiting rural district council powers, but by giving them the fullest measure of responsibility in administering district functions. Local initiative is the very foundation of local government and should be kept unimpaired.

"For the more effective allocation of functions the following suggestions are made: The administration of the Housing (Rural Workers) Act should be entrusted wholly to rural district councils; the method of joint boards should be more fully applied to water supply and sewerage schemes; the same method should be developed in town and country planning under the new Minister of Planning: rural district councils should exercise all functions in respect of milk and dairies except veterinary inspection; and should retain rating and valuation functions.

"Agriculture is being re-established as a foremost British industry, and rural district councils are prepared for an expansion of public social services commensurate with those in the cities and towns.

"The record of rural district councils, especially in recent years, gives the assurance that with equitable treatment they can and will share fully in the response to the national call for higher standards of local administration."

The memorandum also strongly opposes the suggestion that rural district councils should cease to exist "as such" and be amalgamated with non-county boroughs and urban districts with populations under 10,000 under the single title of "county districts." Of 476 existing rural district councils, 345 have populations exceeding 10,000. Bigness does not necessarily mean efficiency.

Other points made by the Rural District Councils' Association Executive are:

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THIS WEEK'S COMPLETE SHORT STORY

FIRST LADY OF THE COLONY

By
KENNETH DAY

Sleep would not come that afternoon, and Mrs. Arthur Morris rose wearily from the bed and gazed through the bungalow window across the fresh patch of lawn—an oasis of green in the burnt, shrivelled landscape—towards the waves of conical shaped hills that rose higher and higher in the distance, until they appeared to pierce the cloudless expanse of blue sky.

Countless ages of erosion had galleried the varying strata of rock so that the hills were reminiscent of Chinese pagodas—though not to Mrs. Morris. Before she lived in Persia, her experience of things Oriental had been limited to weekly visits to the Chinese laundry off Charing Cross-road.

And now, despite the torrid heat, she shuddered slightly; it had come as a shock to realise that the trek from Charing Cross to Dar-e-Kel was not so long and untrodden as she had imagined. Who could have anticipated meeting the same person in The Black Feathers and then in the Gymkhana Club two years later?

Even over tiffin, when Arthur had said casually: "By the way, Rose, my new assistant arrived this morning . . . fellow by the name of Durant . . . we'll run down to the Club and I'll introduce you"—even then, the name had conveyed nothing to her. Perhaps because in the old days she had known him as Jim.

So she had dressed to meet Arthur's new assistant—to impress upon him from the first her social importance in the Colony; to receive the homage due to her as wife of the Field Superintendent.

Despite her pose of slight boredom, she secretly enjoyed her role of hostess in welcoming minor officials. On such occasions she lived up to her position unfettered by that feeling of inferiority which always seemed to seep beneath her skin when playing bridge with the Addisons or sipping tea with Mrs. Reynolds, the surgeon's wife, until this afternoon, when she had come face to face with Durant!

He had been lounging at the bar, sipping a highball when Arthur escorted her into the Club. He was rigid a moment later—as rigid as she herself—when Arthur performed the ceremony of introduction.

But Durant, thank Heaven, had behaved admirably; swept off his topee, bowed and smiled: "So pleased to meet you, Mrs. Morris," as though he had never met her before.

In London he had been a familiar figure among scores of others who frequented the saloon bar of The Black Feathers; familiar in his use of her Christian name, too, in the accepted tradition of badinage with barmaids. In those days she had been "Rosie" to Durant!

Even Arthur himself, although he knew well enough that she had held no social position at home, would be astonished to learn that his wife had been a barmaid. In that respect she had been lucky, for they had met when she was holidaying at Brighton, where he was spending the last few weeks of his leave.

It had been one of those whirlwind courtships that men from overseas are apt to conduct after living wifeless for three years in a tropical climate. He wasn't going back to face a further three years of bachelordom in a country where white women are as rare as strawberries in an English December; he had made up his mind on that score almost at their first meeting.

She liked him, but did not love him, although she nearly convinced herself that she did when he proposed.

"You'll have quite a position to keep up, my dear," he assured her. "Out there you'll live like one of the first ladies of the land, with servants to wait on you hand and foot. You'll have your own gardener and a chauffeur to drive you each morning to the Karacki-Anbar—that's where the Europeans do most of their shopping. And you'll never lack for friends or amusements or sport in the Colony."

First Lady of the Colony.

Maybe, he had wanted to make sure of her in the short time available before he was due to return. For he had omitted to tell her that the summer heat was so overpowering that she would be obliged to retire to the darkened bungalow bedroom each day after tiffin, that her bed at night-time would be on the lawn with a mosquito-net over it; that although she would need to take at least four cold baths per day, the water was usually near to boiling point because of the burning sun on the surface pipe lines.

Yet, on the whole, she had been well satisfied with her bargain. Life here as the first lady of the Colony was regal compared with her existence in The Black Feathers, sharing an attic bedroom with Maisie and Annie.

And now the social structure she had schemed so hard to consolidate was at the mercy of a chance word from the new arrival; a word that would not only cause Arthur to look askance, but might alienate her from the clique which virtually ruled the Colony.

Already she was visualising the raised eyebrows, hearing the scandalised whispers. What would Mrs. Addison, wife of the Chief Petroleum Engineer, say? What would Mrs. Simond, the Field Manager's wife, think? What would Mrs. Reynolds do?

She moved mechanically from the window and sank back on the bed, oblivious to the faint clatter of crockery from the dining-room adjoining, where the Nokhar was laying the table for chai; oblivious to everything save the fear that her past had caught up with the present, had shadowed her from Charing Cross to Persia.

But the present merged into the future, the days lengthened into weeks, the weeks into months, and the attitude of her friends and acquaintances remained unchanged. That chance word could not have been spoken, though she now lived with the constant fear that it might be.

In Dar-e-Kel, peopled by fewer Europeans than the average English village, meetings were inevitable. Perhaps it was part imagination, but Durant seemed to dog her heels wherever she went; she met him at the Gymkhana Club, on the golf course, at polo matches; should would find herself partnering him at bridge drives, swimming alongside him in the pool. He even turned up at the literary society.

He was polite, almost deferential towards her, but always he carried her back to Charing Cross-road; whenever he spoke she heard a voice from the past: "Bitter, please, Rosie," "Same again," or "Hey, Rosie, one for the road."

She made excuses to Arthur for staying away from functions she knew Durant would attend. The man had become an obsession, driving her almost to the verge of a nervous breakdown.

Arthur, who was not usually observant, said with some concern one day: "You're not looking at all well, Rose. Better take things easy until it's time for our leave."

But that would not be for nearly six months yet, and she was on the point of asking Arthur to send her to Beirut for a holiday when he startled her with news of Durant. They were sitting on the veranda after dinner.

The Fiancee.

"Yes, he rather surprised me this morning. Seems a close sort of fellow . . . never mentioned the matter before, but it appears he's engaged, and is sending for his fiancee to come out here . . ."

For the moment she was too stunned to reply. Then her reign in Dar-e-Kel was as good as ended! That fact stood out as starkly as the distant hills, now ultramarine in the short twilight. Durant had kept silent, but he would confide in his wife and nothing could be more certain than Mrs. Durant would sooner or later confide in someone else.

"He—he's getting married?" she whispered.

"Yes, they're planning to marry at Shar-i-Kushina."

Durant's fiancee arrived some six weeks later, and following a brief honeymoon the newly-weds came by plane from Khorram. Mrs. Morris would have given a great deal to avoid the meeting, to have been away on her projected holiday, but of late she had made so many excuses that she was fearful of arousing Arthur's suspicions on an occasion such as this.

As the wife of the Field Superintendent she was expected to accompany her husband to the landing ground and officially welcome the bride.

She dressed with disinterest, hardly aware of the clothes she donned. What use to impress the newcomer with a show of social importance that would soon be bereft of any foundation? Silently she took her place beside Arthur in the roomy Chevrolet which swept them along the switch-back road that clung precipitately to the side of the craggy conical hills. She saw no beauty in the scene . . . nor in the wild life that abounded . . . the fleeting glimpse of gazelle, the silver fox, the multitude of gaily-coloured birds.

"Well," said Arthur, as he helped her to alight at the hotel near the landing ground. "Well must do our best to make her welcome, my dear. It's a strange country at first for a woman."

Others had also arrived from Dar-e-Kel to welcome the new Mrs. Durant. They met Mrs. Reynolds in the foyer; Mr. and Mrs. Addison were there, too.

Then, Mrs. Morris became aware of Durant coming towards them, his bride on his arm. They were being introduced. Durant's wife had evidently been coached in the etiquette of the Colony; she was obviously conscious of the social status of the Field Superintendent's wife. She bowed. It was almost a curtsey.

"Pleased to meet you, Mrs. Durant . . . welcome to Dar-e-Kel," murmured Mrs. Morris. "And—" with a glance at Durant, "congratulations!"

At last the ordeal was over and they were driving home. But now she gazed on the rainbow-hued hills with shining eyes, she heard the joyous song of the birds; they seemed to be singing for her alone.

Only by a super effort had she refrained from hugging the new Mrs. Durant, née Maisie Robson, her erstwhile colleague in the saloon bar of The Black Feathers in Charing Cross-road.

The End

The characters in this story are entirely imaginary. No reference is intended to any living person or to any public or private company.

WINGS FOR THE EAGLE

ANN SHERIDAN AT KING'S

Ann Sheridan and Dennis Morgan are featured in "Wings for the Eagle," which is being presented at the King's Theatre, Ramsgate, to-day and to-morrow.

A timely film, crammed with action, it shows the two stars and Jack Carson as workers at a huge Lockheed aircraft plant who are constantly at odds among themselves until Pearl Harbour puts their own problems into the background. George Tobias and Russell Arms appear in the supporting cast. With such a team as Bert Wheeler and Marie Wilson setting the pace any picture would have more than its share of laughs and this is borne out by "The Cowboy Quarter-back," which is also being shown.

"Always in my Heart," which introduces the new 15-year-old singing star, Gloria Warren, is the main attraction for the latter half of the week. It is a family story, with Kay Francis as the mother, Gloria Warren and Frankie Thomas as her two children and Walter Huston as the father they believe to be dead. In reality he insisted on his wife divorcing him years before when he was sent to prison. A fascinating character of detective fiction is seen once again in "Calling Philo Vance," featuring James Stephenson, Henry O'Neill and Margot Stevenson, which is also included in the programme

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SUB-LT. DRAYSON AWARDED D.S.C.

The skill and bravery displayed by Sub-Lt. R. Q. Drayson in commanding an M.T.B. which torpedoed a Nazi supply ship in the Channel last October, has been recognised by the award to him of the Distinguished Service Cross.

Sub-Lt. Drayson is the son of Mr. F. L. Drayson, of Broad End, Winterstoke-crescent, Ramsgate, general manager of Messrs. Vye and Son, and Mrs. Drayson. He is an old boy of St. Lawrence College and Chatham House School.

The citation published in the "London Gazette" reads as follows: "For great skill and bravery during an attack on a heavily escorted enemy supply ship—D.S.C.—Sub-Lt. R. Q. Drayson, R.N.V.R."

The officer was commanding an M.T.B. which was accompanied by other light forces when naval aircraft spotted the German supply ship provided with a particularly heavy escort of minesweepers and torpedo boats. As soon as the word was flashed back our light naval forces went forward speedily to intercept it.

The forces split up and the M.T.B. commanded by Sub-Lt. Drayson was alone in the rear of the others when a large enemy merchant vessel was sighted about seven miles away. Our other craft attacked the convoying warships and held them back while the transport came on.

To use Sub-Lt. Drayson's own words, "A hot fight developed and the night was brilliantly illuminated by star shells and so forth. In the light of these I saw the transport coming towards me and decided to attack her. A moment or two after I had pulled the torpedo firing lever there was the most terrific crash I have ever heard. The ship caught fire from stem to stern. She looked just like the pictures one sees of blazing oil wells."

As soon as the flashes from the torpedo tubes were seen from the German ship she opened fire on the M.T.B. and tracer shells dropped closer and closer to the stern. Bits of wreckage blown from the enemy vessel flew past the boat. The transport listed on her side and was seen to be still alight three hours later.

Sub-Lt. Drayson's vessel was undamaged and there were no casualties but, as he says, "My fellows were splendid and they were delighted at our success. One of the engines failed but we got home on the others."

From St. Lawrence College Sub-Lt. Drayson went to complete his education at Downing College, Cambridge.

A GOOD SERVANT

STOLE COAL FROM EMPLOYERS

Joseph Charles Saddington, aged 42, of Addiscombe-gardens, Margate, was charged at Margate police court on Wednesday with stealing 9lbs. of coal, valued at 3d., the property of his employers, the Isle of Thanet Gas Light and Coke Co.

Saddington pleaded guilty.

C/I Fleet said that at 5.20 a.m. on Saturday, 2nd January, P/C Taylor and P/C Bray were on duty in Addington-street when defendant passed them carrying a small bag under his arm. On being stopped and asked what was in the bag he said "Only some coal." Further questioned, he said he had just finished work at the gas works and had taken the coal without the consent of the company.

All defendant had to say to the magistrates was that he did not realise the consequences of what he was doing.

C/I Fleet said defendant was a married man with two children and had been employed at the gas works for 18 years as a stoker in the retort house. Observation was kept by the police in consequence of information received from the engineer at the gas works. Defendant had admitted to D/I Cory that in addition to the coal which was the subject of the charge he had taken two small amounts previously. He was a member of the Home Guard. The chief inspector added that there had been petty pilfering at the gas works for some time and while the company were reluctant to take action against defendant, they felt it was necessary in order to stop it.

Mr. A. J. Stickels, secretary and manager of the company, said defendant had been a good servant and the company had no desire to press the case. In taking proceedings they felt it was necessary to make an example of someone.

In reply to the bench, Mr. Stickels said the question of whether the man would be retained in the company's employ was one which would be considered by the directors. He understood that the man did not want to remain—that he wanted to leave the town in consequence of the case.

The Mayor (Councillor F. J. Cornford) announced that the case would be dismissed under the Probation of Offenders' Act. The magistrates, he said, were sure defendant did not realise the seriousness of what he was doing. It was not the actual amount of coal but the principle involved, and it was right that the case should be brought before the court. At the same time, they took into consideration his previous good character and the remarks made by Mr. Stickels, and had decided to deal leniently with the case in the hope that it would be a lesson to him.

BUDDLE—KEELING

OLD ST. GEORGIANS WED

Two old St. Georgians were married at Stavely Church, Derbyshire, on Wednesday.

The marriage was between Sgt. Wireless-Op. Air-Gnr. A. W. Buddle, elder son of P/S W. Buddle and Mrs. Buddle, of 21 Nethercourt-gardens, Ramsgate, and Miss Mamie Keeling, elder daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Keeling, of Duke-street, Stavely Town, Derbyshire. The parties have known each other since childhood days and are both well known in Ramsgate.

Sgt. Buddle volunteered for service with Bomber Command immediately after the air raid on Ramsgate on 24th August, 1940, when volunteers were called for following the fall of France. He has been on many operational flights and has been engaged as an instructor. Some time ago he was recommended for a commission.

A brief honeymoon is being spent in Ramsgate.

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   Supplies to any controlled premises of fuels in this group may not without licence exceed in all **10 cwt. in each month,** and no supplies may be acquired at any premises while the total stock of such fuels exceeds **10 cwt.**

3. **COKE of sizes exceeding 1in., and Anthracite and Welsh dry steam coal of sizes exceeding 1½in.**

   Supplies to any controlled premises of fuels in this group may not without licence exceed in all **one ton in each month** and no supplies may be acquired at any premises while the total stock of such fuels exceeds **one ton.**

Except under a licence from the Local Fuel Overseer it is an offence against the Defence Regulations to exceed these quantities, or to acquire these fuels from anyone other than the licensed merchant or coke producer with whom the premises have been duly registered.

Consumers are reminded that the above quantities are maximum quantities and not rations to which they are entitled. The quantity that can be delivered to any premises will depend on the state of local supply, and is everywhere subject to priority being given to consumers without stocking facilities.

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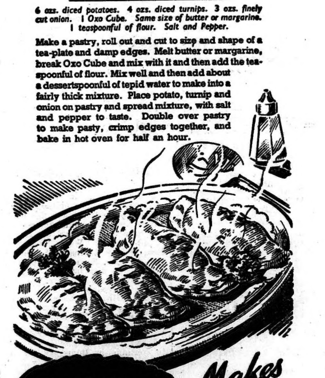
Make a pastry, roll out and cut to size and shape of a tea-plate and damp edges. Melt butter or margarine, break Oxo Cube and mix with it and then add the teaspoonful of flour. Mix well and then add about a dessertspoonful of tepid water to make into a fairly thick mixture. Place potato, turnip and onion on pastry and spread mixture, with salt and pepper to taste. Double over pastry to make pasty, crimp edges together, and bake in hot oven for half an hour.



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COUNCIL TO PAY

FOR WORKERS' CLOTHING

For nearly an hour Ramsgate Town Council, at their January meeting, debated the subject of protective clothing for their employees.

The Council were considering the following report of the Joint Works Committee:

"An application was put forward by the representatives of the employees for the provision of protective clothing by the Council. The Borough Engineer reported that just prior to the war the Council had accepted in principle the policy of providing protective clothing and generally, as the result of the outbreak of war, the scheme had not been proceeded with, except in a few cases which he enumerated, but if any provision was to be made it was thought that provision should be general. The various requirements of the employees in the works department was discussed. It was thought desirable that scavengers should be provided with mackintoshes for wet weather and overalls for fine weather. Overalls to be bib and brace dungaree trousers and coat type. Similar overalls would be provided for all permanent tradesmen, gangers, labourers and other workers who do not already receive the same. In addition two men engaged in cleaning urinals be provided with boots. This means in effect that the following items would be required:

"Works department: 111 bib and brace dungaree trousers and coats, 22 mackintoshes, two pairs boots;

"Cemeteries: 12 bib and brace dungaree trousers and coats.

"The cost of this protective clothing would be approximately £180 in the first instance, with a renewal cost of £100 for overalls at the end of six months' period.

"The Borough Engineer reported that all the workers involved have been supplied with an additional ten coupons in accordance with the Government scheme providing extra coupons for manual workers. No coupons would be required from the employees for the protective clothing it is suggested might be provided. The Borough Engineer pointed out that possible difficulties might be met with in obtaining the items but this should not be insurmountable. It would, of course, be necessary to obtain the consent of the Works Committee, the Finance Committee and the Council to any proposal the Joint Committee put forward. The Gas and Water Engineer intimated that his department would be prepared to fall into line with any general scheme accepted by the Council.

"The Joint Committee recommend: That the proposals for the provision of this protective clothing as outlined be approved, and be put before the appropriate committee of the Council for their consideration as soon as possible."

The Works Committee recommended that the provision of protective clothing on the basis of the report be approved for the period of the war only and that the Contracts Committee be requested to arrange for the necessary purchases, the matter to be reconsidered at the end of the war.

Councillor S. E. Austin moved an amendment, the effect of which, if adopted, would have been to limit the supply of protective clothing to certain types of employees. The recommendation was absolute extravagance in war-time. He was in full sympathy with the supply of protective clothing to men who had to work outside, but did not agree with supplying it to men such as carpenters. The ratepayers of the town were mainly of the artisan class and it was not right that they should be asked to pay for clothing for men in similar trades employed by the Corporation.

Councillor Austin said that unless they kept a tight hold on expenditure he was fearful of what the position in the town would be when Government assistance was withdrawn after the war.

On being put to the vote the amendment was defeated by a narrow margin and the committee's recommendation adopted.

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MYSTERY OF RAMSGATE MAN'S DEATH

Working on the permanent way at Ebbsfleet on Wednesday morning, a railway ganger discovered the body of a farm labourer with part of the head cut off, lying between the rails.

The body was that of George Cannon, who was employed at Ozengel Farm and lived at a lodging house at 7 Central-road, Ramsgate.

Although no evidence was forthcoming at the inquest at Minster on Thursday to show how deceased came to be on the line, the Coroner for East Kent (Mr. Rutley Mowll) said it did not appear from the position of the body that the man met his death accidentally.

He reluctantly came to the conclusion that Cannon took his life while the balance of his mind was disturbed.

Richard Thomas Bailey, a bricklayer's labourer, of 52 Chapel-road, St. Lawrence, said he identified deceased from the tattoo marks on his arms. He had known Cannon for over 40 years and thought he was about 63 years of age.

The Coroner: What sort of a man was he?

Witness: He was the sort of chap who would save two or three shillings and then have a week's holiday.

The Coroner: Rather cheap, wasn't it?

Witness said deceased was rather inclined to drink too much and he did no work the previous week.

Philip Henry James Russell, of 7 Central-road, said he knew Cannon well. His eyesight and hearing were good and he was not a heavy drinker, although he spent a lot of time in public-houses.

Half a Mile From a Crossing.

George Alan Dale, a railway police officer, said the body was found on the up line from Ramsgate to Minster and the nearest level-crossing at Sevenscore was more than half a mile away. It had not been possible to discover which train hit deceased.

William George Crundwell, a railway ganger at Ramsgate, said he found the body at 9.45 a.m. on Wednesday. The body was decapitated and the head was outside the track close to the body, which was lying on its left side between the rails. The man's cap was lying by the head and no part of the clothing appeared to be torn.

P/C H. R. Ansell, K.C.C., stationed at Minster, said he went to the spot with P/C Thompson. By the appearance of the body and the head, deceased had apparently been lying with his head on the line. He was a very short man—about 5ft. 3ins. in height.

Enquiries made by P/C Thompson showed that deceased had visited the New Inn, Minster, on Tuesday morning, but they had been unable to trace his movements from then until the discovery of his body. In his pockets were found three farthings and among other articles were football forecasts.

Dr. R. J. Harris said he saw the body on Wednesday afternoon and found that half the head was cut off. Deceased must have been lying on the track with his head partly on the rail, and there was no bruising anywhere on the body. In witness' opinion, deceased met his death very late on Tuesday night.

Summing up, the Coroner said that in cases where people met their death accidentally on the line there were usually severe injuries to the body. In deceased's case, however, apart from the head, the body was uninjured and that led him to the opinion that Cannon intended to take his life.

TEN DAYS OF HELL

RAMSGATE MEN'S TERRIBLE ORDEAL

VICTIMS OF BATTLE FOR CRETE

Although the Battle for Crete was fought 18 months ago, the ADVERTISER & ECHO is this week able to reveal for the first time the heavy casualties suffered by a Ramsgate Royal Artillery Battery in the epic defence of the island against overwhelming odds.

The story is told by a Ramsgate man in his own words as follows:

"Believe me," he writes, "although we were only five weeks on the island we saw more of war than most have seen since it broke out. The last ten days were so bad that its only description is 'ten days of concentrated hell.' So much was packed into those days it is impossible to describe everything in detail so I can only give you something brief.

"The actual 'blits' started with an early morning dive-bombing attack on the gun sites and the harbour over which we looked and it lasted about one and a half hours. To give you some idea of its intensity, the attack and all following attacks during the next ten days were carried out by no less a force than 40 to 50 Junkers 87's at one time. The first attack was followed by mass bombing of troops, dumps, roads and, worst of all, the invasion proper by the landing of troops in gliders and parachutes.

"The gliders, six in number, 30 men in each, completely surrounded our right troop gun site, some eight miles from the site I was on, and the Jerries proceeded to 'mop up' our fellows with the Tommy gun. The site had just been dive-bombed and an ammunition dump alongside a gun pit sustained a direct hit, causing the death of some fellows and injury to others. During the attack the gliders had landed in the surrounding olive groves. . . . The result was the death of some 60 of our fellows, a like number injured and about 20 taken prisoner. Those taken prisoner were subsequently saved when a force of Royal Marines and K.R.R's re-took the site later in the day. Those wounded were taken to hospital and those whom it was possible to move were evacuated from the island a few days later. Those unable to be moved were, I am afraid, either taken prisoner or died of injuries.

No Joke.

"The same day we on our gun site were singled out for an attack but, due to its position on a hillside, they were unable to dive-bomb us. But, as the result of a low-level attack, a 1,000 lb. bomb landed in the middle of the gun position, causing casualties. This was followed by another 1,000 lb. bomb which did not go off and landed on the edge of the crater caused by the first one. In addition to the casualties we were put out of action for the rest of the day but chose another gun site nearby and went into action again next day. No joke, moving four guns and instruments with a 1,000 lb. bomb within a few yards and in the dark, too, but we managed it.

"Well, for the next seven days, it was sheer hell. Aeroplanes, aeroplanes and more aeroplanes came over in their hundreds and, worst of all, all carrying the Swastika sign. Only on one occasion did we see a friendly fighter. We saw troop carriers, fighters, reconnaissance, Army co-operation—and all enemy. It was sheer suicide to open fire on them because one squadron would come over to attack its objective and, as soon as we engaged them, another squadron would be behind the first to bomb us. Then, to cap it all, fighters would 'strafe' the gun position.

Too One-Sided.

"And so we carried on for seven days, living on emergency rations because we were unable to get supplies through, hearing reports, sometimes good, sometimes bad, of how the land forces were getting on, and all the time we knew it was too one-sided because of the lack of British planes. Then at last we had the order to blow up our guns and get out. That we did and, loading ourselves up with what kit and food we could manage to carry, we began the evacuation.

"We had no idea as to where we would be taken off but knew we had to follow the road south and so we started to march. We left the gun site about 8 p.m. on 27th May—the invasion began on the 20th—and kept to the covering woods and ditches by the road. Of course, we were being joined by all sorts of other units, some wounded but able to walk, during the next few hours and about midday it was decided to halt and hope that the strafing and bombing of us as we went would hold up. But no, Jerry sent over a Henschel 126, who hovered over the wood in which we hid, and then followed several hours of sheer hell.

"Some men were killed and wounded, some blown to pieces as a result of the bombing. I and others, too, prayed and prayed during those next few hours and during a lull we decided to move. Thank God we did, because a little while later Jerry simply knocked hell out of that wood and set fire to it. We kept going hour after hour through the night, climbing the mountain over which the road ran. We reached the top just before dawn, 6,000 feet above sea level, and ahead lay the descent through open country and the prospect of more bombing and machine-gunning.

Like 24 Days.

"And so we went on all that day, dodging the attacks as best we could. Four of us were able to stick together all the while and that night we reached the coast and walked along the cliff to the point where we hoped to be taken off by the Navy. We walked a mile or two and were turned back, only walking wounded being taken off that night. So we had to spend the next 24 hours in caves, our best means of safety, and those 24 hours seemed like 24 days. It was during that time that I met Mr. Daniel, the solicitor from Ramsgate, and did, in fact, spend those 24 hours with him.

"As soon as darkness fell we once more began our walk along the cliffs and about two in the morning I was aboard a ship bound for Alexandria. We spent another day in a reception camp, from there into a camp on the desert, and it was there our old Colonel came along and took us down to his headquarters at the other end of the canal. From there we were split up and my troop, or what was left of them, went to another camp, of which B/S/M H. Bingham was in charge. This unit lost best part of its men during the evacuation from Greece. Actually only 103 of us out of 350 of —— Battery got out of Crete. The others are either dead, wounded, or prisoners of war."

BUS NEWS No. 7

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BROUGHT DOWN BY BOOKS

FATE OF A NAZI PLANE

The shell which brought down the plane off this coast last week could not have been fired without its paper component part, the British plane which chased it out to sea before it was hit could not have been made, nor its bullets manufactured without paper. The gunner who brought it down spends hours waiting on his gun site, and still more hours in his hut waiting for his turn of duty. The pilot who chased him spends hours in the dispersal hut waiting for orders to go up.

There is nothing these men and others can do while waiting except play games such as chess, draughts and so on or they can read, if they have the books, books of any sort to while away the long hours spent just waiting. The boys in North Africa when they are off duty have only sand, sand and more sand to look at unless we send them books to read; the lads of the Merchant Navy, off duty and temporarily out of danger, must have something with which to pass the time, to kill the boredom and to hold their interest. There are many books in our houses which we haven't opened for weeks, months, or even years. They look attractive in the bookcase or on the shelf but the services all over the world on A.A. stations, balloon barrage sites, aerodromes, ships, or sitting outside a tank, need them to read.

Ramsgate is asked to find 15,000 books within the next fortnight; here is a chance to show our thanks to the services for all they have done and are doing for us and it will cost the people of Ramsgate nothing but five minutes of their time.

Papers, periodicals, magazines, books, anything made of paper will be used to make the shells, torpedoes and bombs without which this war cannot be won.

The sons and daughters of our service men when they grow older will need books of reference and the services of the public libraries throughout the kingdom. These libraries, too, will benefit as any books worthy of retention will be examined by experts and sent to blitzed libraries for the renewal of their stock. Many towns and cities have lost thousands of books in damaged libraries (Coventry alone lost 150,000 books in a blitz), and are badly in need of books which will not be printed again but which to-day are only collecting dust in the homes of our people.

It is hoped that members of the services will canvass the town for books during the fortnight and the local authority are anxious that householders should respond generously if and when the canvass is made.

CIVIL DEFENCE PERSONNEL

COUNCIL CHAIRMAN'S STATEMENT

A further statement concerning the release of Civil Defence personnel was made at Thursday's meeting of Ramsgate Town Council.

In reply to a question by Alderman R. J. Mallam, the following reply by the chairman of the Civil Defence Committee (Councillor the Rev. Harcourt Samuel) was read by the Town Clerk (Mr. H. G. Curtis):

"Little can be added to the statement made at the last Council meeting.

"The Civil Defence Committee were compelled to make substantial reductions in the paid whole-time Civil Defence establishments. The reduction is general throughout the country and arises because of the man-power situation. In the case of Ramsgate the total reductions amounted to 41.

"The committee realised that it would be almost impossible to carry out their obligations without causing hardship in individual cases but they gave definite instructions to heads of departments to go very carefully into the circumstances of each individual with a view to avoiding hardship and every individual affected was given an opportunity of making personal representations to the appropriate officers.

"The requisite number of 41 has been arrived at as follows: nine were selected at the request of the Ministry of Labour and National Service as having special qualifications for essential work; three were released at their own request, and in selecting the remaining 29 regard was had in each case to physical fitness, general efficiency for the work to be performed, length of service and domestic circumstances.

"Some misunderstanding appears to have arisen out of the use of the word efficiency. In no case is it suggested that the personnel released are in a general sense inefficient. They have carried out their work well in the past and have given satisfaction. But now that the same work has to be carried out by a lesser number it is essential when a choice is to be made between two individuals where questions of hardship are equal, that the one who has proved the most suitable should be selected. It is in that sense only that the word efficiency has been used and not in any sense as disparaging those who have been released from the service.

The position changes from time to time and already the Regional Office has given authority to increase the establishment in one service and seven notices of dismissal have been or will be cancelled."

DOUBLE VALUE

STARS AT THE ODEON

Two double-feature programmes are being presented at the Odeon Cinema, Ramsgate, this week.

Lew Ayres, Laraine Day and Basil Rathbone head the cast of "Fingers at the Window," which is being shown to-day (Tuesday) and to-morrow. It deals with a strange series of murders committed by lunatics under hypnotic control. When Miss Day, as a night club dancer, is menaced by the axe killers, Ayres, enacting a debonair young actor, turns amateur detective and, despite police opposition, succeeds in tracing the crimes down to a "master mind." The second feature, "Salute to John Citizen," is the simple story of a British family, the families who are the backbone of Britain. It has the period of the blitzes as its setting and a strong cast includes Edward Rigby, Stanley Holloway, George Robey, Mabel Constanduros and Jimmy Hanley.

Bing Crosby's vocals and Fred Astaire's dances are the highlights of Irving Berlin's "Holiday Inn," being shown for the latter part of the week. Song, story and dance are superbly blended and for the first time in any film Fred Astaire has two dancing partners. They are Marjorie Reynolds, a new discovery, and Virginia Dale. Combining both tender drama and comedy, "Mokey," featuring Dan Dailey, jun., Donna Reed and Bobby Blake, is the second feature. Bobby Blake, elevated from the ranks of "Our Gang," plays the title role and by his work as the shy, sensitive, misunderstood lad, proves that another youthful star has been added to the cinema heavens.

SHARING THEIR MEDICAL OFFICER

RAMSGATE TO HELP BROADSTAIRS

As a war-time measure, Dr. J. V. Walker, Medical Officer of Health for Ramsgate, may take over the duties of Medical Officer for the Broadstairs urban district.

The report of the Finance and General Purposes Committee, presented at a meeting of Ramsgate Town Council on Thursday, stated that a letter had been received from Mr. E. F. Owen, Clerk to the East Kent (No. 1) United Districts, stating that Dr. A. M. Watts, Medical Officer for the United Districts, had resigned as from 31st December.

The United Districts comprise the urban districts of Broadstairs and St. Peter's and Herne Bay and the rural district of Bridge-Blean.

The Joint Committee had submitted to the Ministry of Health a proposal that Dr. Walker should take over the duties of Medical Officer at Broadstairs, that the Margate Medical Officer (Dr. G. L. Brocklehurst) should take over the duties at Herne Bay and the Canterbury Medical Officer (Dr. W. G. Evans) the duties of the rural district.

The total salary of £700 per annum, plus £100 per annum travelling expenses, would be apportioned between the three medical officers on the basis of the population of the three districts.

The Ministry of Health, stated the letter, had approved the proposals in principle.

Ramsgate Council agreed to accept the proposals so far as Dr. Walker is concerned.

BOY MUSICIANS

ENTERTAIN AT ODEON

Four enterprising Chatham House School boy musicians made their public debut on Friday, when they played on the stage of the Odeon Cinema, Ramsgate.

Star of the quartette was Peter Weatherley, whose contribution with the clarinet was excellent. In a non-stop performance of modern swing numbers he was accompanied by Kenneth Burden and Don Browne (duet pianoforte) and Andrew Field (drums).

The rest of the programme was provided mainly by three old favourites, among them Gnr. Glynn Jones, of South Wales, whose fine voice carried him to success in one of the Odeon talent contests. He was accompanied by Miss Jane Hodgskin, of Broadstairs. Alf Burley entertained on the piano, and a newcomer, Gnr. Percy Lewis, of Bristol, won popularity with his vocal efforts.

At the close of the stage show, Mr. O. A. Kempe, a Ministry of Information campaign officer, who is a cousin of the Mayor of Ramsgate (Alderman A. B. C. Kempe), spoke in connection with the appeal for 15,000 books to be given by Ramsgate public for use by the services.

ISSUED BY THE MINISTRY OF FUEL AND POWER

FALLING BEHIND

RAMSGATE TREASURER'S STAFF RE-ORGANISATION

The report of the Finance Committee, presented at a meeting of Ramsgate Town Council on Thursday, stated that the Borough Treasurer (Mr. H. Oliver Jones) reported that the work of his department was falling still further into arrear, and the position was being aggravated by the increasing numbers of returns required by Government Departments and still further depletion of the staff by calls for service with H.M. Forces.

In order to meet the position the Council have agreed to the suggestion of the Treasurer to re-organise the work of the existing members of the staff. In order to do this Miss M. Bettridge is to be granted a wartime salary increase of £25 per annum, increases are to be made to temporary members of the staff within the discretion of the Treasurer, the Treasurer's son, Terence Oliver Jones, who will be articled to his father, is to be appointed to fill the vacancy of junior clerk at a salary of £52 per annum, and the appointment of such additional staff as may be necessary is to be left to the Treasurer.

M.B.E. FOR ENGINEER

As announced in the ADVERTISER & ECHO last week, Mr. R. H. Ruthven, engineer and manager of Ramsgate Corporation Gas and Water Department, has been awarded the M.B.E. (Civil Division).

Referring to the award at Thursday's meeting of Ramsgate Town Council, the Mayor (Alderman A. B. C. Kempe) said Mr. Ruthven did a wonderful job of work after the big raid in August, 1940, and it was because of this that he had received the award. He understood that Mr. Ruthven was at present in hospital.

Councillor T. H. Prestedge moved that the Council send to Mr. Ruthven their best wishes for his speedy recovery.

Seconding the motion, Councillor S. E. Austen, chairman of the Gas and Water Committee, said his committee were very pleased that Mr. Ruthven had received the award. He was the one official of the borough who had the misfortune to see his life's work to a certain extent ruined by enemy action and he felt it very keenly. He felt it as a business man would feel the loss of his business.

WE HAVE LEFT UNDONE—

Looking back on 1942, farmers as a body may well feel a sense of quiet satisfaction in "something attempted, something done." And what a task it was—but what an achievement! The "something done" was well said by the King in his Christmas broadcast . . . "we are thankful for the splendid addition to our food supplies made by those who work on the land and who have made it fertile and prolific as it has never been before."

But there can be no relaxation. Farmers are faced in 1943 with having to increase the tillage area to grow all the wheat and barley they possibly can for the nation's bread, more potatoes, more feed for dairy cows.

No one is deliberately wasteful, but, through thoughtlessness, there was much waste in 1942 that we cannot afford this vital year. For instance, did we dress our seed corn with an organo-mercury dressing to reduce losses caused by seed-borne diseases? Did we thatch our stacks in good time or was some of our corn spoiled because it was left unthatched? Did we fix up an inexpensive contract with our War Committee to rid our farms of rats and other pests? Every extra sack of corn that we can contribute to the national pool will count vitally.

The nation needs all the potatoes we can grow and all the milk we can produce, too. Bad clamping of potatoes and souring of milk are two things that must not happen this year.

And what about our farm machines and implements? Were they used and cared for as if they were to last for ever? Let's make up our minds that we will look after our machinery much better this year and make it last longer, for new machines and spares will be very difficult to come by. And let's not waste tractor fuel that costs seamen's lives.

PETROL ECONOMIES ANTICIPATED

Commenting on a circular letter from the Ministry of Fuel and Power calling for stricter economy in the use of petrol, the report of the Civil Defence Committee, presented at a meeting of Ramsgate Town Council on Thursday, stated:

"While the committee recognise the importance of a wise economy in petrol at this stage in the war, they feel that so far as the Civil Defence Services are concerned the measures which have been taken by the Council in recent months to secure economies have anticipated the wishes of the Minister. The committee are satisfied that the consumption of petrol in the C.D. services has reached an absolute minimum consistent with the maintenance of efficiency."

WILL NOT ESCAPE

BOY'S PROMISE TO MAGISTRATES

After being remanded in Maidstone prison for three weeks, a 15-year-old Minster youth again appeared before the magistrates at Ramsgate county juvenile court on Tuesday.

Admitting that he broke a recognisance entered into at the same court in January, 1942, by committing a larceny at Brighton on 5th December, the boy was ordered to be sent to an approved school. He gave an undertaking to the bench that he would not attempt to escape from the remand home in which he is being detained until a vacancy occurs at the school.

The Probation Officer (Mr. A. E. Bray) stated that the lad was evacuated by the Margate education authorities in 1940 and while away he left school without the knowledge of his parents. Witness saw him in October, 1941, when he expressed a wish to join the Merchant Navy, but it was pointed out to him that a good character was necessary before he could enter the service. He obtained employment as a gardening assistant on a local farm but within three weeks reports were received that he had been dishonest and he was discharged.

The boy appeared before the court in December, 1941, in connection with the theft of an electric torch and he was placed on probation for two years. He entered an approved school at Brighton for a period of six months but at the end of that time an unsatisfactory report was received and the period was extended by another six months. The lad absconded from the home and on 5th December was reported for being concerned with others in the theft of over £30 in money. The other two defendants were adults.

Four Offences.

He pleaded guilty to a reduced charge of larceny and witness was called on at Brighton to give evidence that the boy was still on probation from the Ramsgate court.

The lad told the magistrates that he wished four outstanding offences at Brighton to be taken into consideration. They were the case already referred to, and the thefts of a tin of salmon, a butcher's knife and a tin of herrings. He stated that at the home he had been blamed for the theft of two coats and decided to run away. He became friendly with the other two youths and they had decided to go to Scotland in order to join the Merchant Navy. That was the reason they stole the food.

In reply to the Chairman (Capt. A. C. Hatfeild), the boy admitted that with others he attempted to escape from the remand home to which he was sent after appearing at the Brighton court. One of the others concerned tried to cut the wires but the wire-cutter broke. As a result he again appeared before the Brighton court and was ordered to be remanded in Lewes prison.

Ordering the boy to be sent to an approved school, the Chairman told him "They don't want men in the Merchant Navy unless they have good characters. If you had stayed at the home and got a good character you would have had a good chance of going to sea."

DEATH OF MRS. M. L. BATES

Her many friends in Ramsgate will learn with regret of the death at her home, Hillcroft, Goodwin-road, last week, of Mrs. Mercy Leonoid Bates, widow of the late Mr. George Bates.

Mrs. Bates, who was 86 years of age, was a lady of great charm and enjoyed remarkably good health until comparatively recently. For many years she tenderly nursed her husband and it was a great day for them both when they celebrated their golden wedding anniversary.

For many years Mr. Bates, who came of an old Ramsgate family, carried on business in High-street as a baker.

Mrs. Bates was the mother of the late Mrs. S. R. Port.

ADMISSION BY SALVAGE

Members and candidates brought salvage to admit them to the Christmas party held by the St. Lawrence Girls' Friendly Society in the parish hall.

The evening commenced with talkie films shown by the Vicar of St. Lawrence (the Rev. J. H. Roundhill), followed by a play, "The Clubroom," presented by members, candidates and choir boys.

Mabel Matthews (St. Lawrence) and Kathleen Edwards (Christ Church) received bronze stars for 14 years' faithful membership of the society from Mr. Roundhill.

The members, parents and friends who had been invited were addressed by a national savings representative, who stated that so far they had saved £4 19s. towards a target of £9 by 31st March.

Refreshments were served and the rest of the evening was spent in games and dancing.

The salvage brought along included 7lbs. of tinfoil, 12½lbs. of waste paper and 116 cotton reels.

VITAL, POSITIVE HEALTH

Nature is the supreme healer, but even she cannot carry on with her beneficent work unless she is provided with the necessary material for the building up and restoration of the body as a whole. The basis of health is the blood stream; a vigorously circulating, healthy blood stream, rich in all the vital properties, is essential. Many common ailments are caused by a blood stream which is deficient in some of these vital properties, such ailments as varicose veins and ulcers, piles, rheumatism, muscular weakness, prolapsus, heart affections, hardened arteries, nervous conditions and uric acid troubles are included in their number. Given the opportunity, Nature can put right these wrongs, and the opportunity is the restoration of the missing vital properties to the blood stream.

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INDIAN FAMILY'S PRAYER

The postbag of a mayor is as varied as that of a newspaper editor.

The Mayor of Margate (Councillor F. J. Cornford) has received a letter containing an Indian family's prayer for the success of the Allied cause.

Addressed to "His Worship the Lord Mayor of Margate, Kent, England," the envelope bears two "V · · · — Victory" signs.

It was sent by Sirdar D. V. Gokhale, M.A., of Poona City, India, and on one side of a small piece of paper there is a panel in which there are five lines of native writing, each apparently the same. Around it, in English, is written "The victory prayer for the British Empire. The Ranea Nanea prayer," and the expressions "Up, up with the British Empire," "Down with the Nazi-Jap tyrants," and "May God bless the British Empire."

On the reverse side is the following: "My family's (Ranea Nanea) prayer for the success and safety of the British Empire and the King Emperor, from Sirdar Dattahaya Vasudeo Gokhale, M.A., the most loyal and obedient servant of his most excellent Majesty, belonging to the most respected, noble and glorious Martial Maharattha house of Sirdar Gokhale, of 604 Sadashiv Peth, Poona City, India. (The 'Ranea Nanea' is our highest prayer and is believed by us to bring a complete victory to the just cause, and we firmly believe in the justice of the British Empire cause.) Down with the Nazi-Jap tyrants."

DEATH OF MR. A. E. ALLEN

Connected with business life in Thanet for nearly 40 years, Mr. Albert Edward Allen passed away on Wednesday at the age of 73 at his home, Temple Cottage, New Cross-street, Margate.

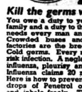
Mr. Allen came to Thanet in 1910 and for ten years was manager of the Ramsgate branch of an ironmongery stores. During that time he was prominently associated with the social life of the town, taking part in presentations by Ramsgate Operatic and Dramatic Society.

In 1910 Mr. Allen opened business on his own account in Northdown-road, Margate, a business which was continued until the outbreak of war.

Mr. Allen was a member of the Union Lodge (No. 127) of Freemasons, passing through various offices to become Worshipful Master. He gained provincial honours as P.P.A.G.P. For seven years Mr. Allen had been tyler for the Union, St. John's and Porta Maris Lodges.

A prominent Conservative, Mr. Allen had served on the Thanet Council.

The funeral took place at Margate on Monday.



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WAR-TIME SCOUTING

With this issue, the War-time Scouting has reached its sixth monthly appearance before many of us, including myself, had realised the fact. As well as looking forward to brighter days ahead, it can safely be said we can also look back with every confidence on what has been achieved.

Last January there were 15 Scouts actually meeting in the town, and now we have reached the total of 216 Scouts and Cubs in the area covered by our Local Association. This increase has occurred not in 12 months, but in nearer seven months. It is certainly something to be proud of and post-war Scouting has been laid on a very firm basis. With so many boys returning to active Scouting, joined by a fresh influx of new ones, the great thing is the improved standard reached in training by all, in the packs as well as in the troops. What is apparent to anyone privileged to get around visiting the troops and packs might not be discerned by others, but I have been told by parents many more times than I can recall how they have noticed the great keenness of their boys in Scouting and Cubbing.

The loyal and splendid help of parents in a movement with no subsidised backing from any outside source is an incalculable asset, for apart from finance there is the troublesome query of coupons and cost of uniform. The way these have been overcome and the help in other directions is an outstanding tribute to the parents of our coastal area of their interest in the welfare and training of their boys.

In times like the present, however, as well as knowing he has the goodwill of the parents, the war-time Scouter is greatly bucked by the efforts of old Scouts in the services, who will find time on even a 48-hour leave to drop in at a troop meeting if it just happens to coincide with his short leave. A Scouter certainly needs a great memory for faces, for some of our older Scouts seem to have grown almost out of recognition.

Christmas is always the great occasion for remembering old friends. The number who have remembered their old troop and Scouter this last Christmas must have been a record. I am still trying to overcome my Christmas mail from old boys, and I am more than sorry that so many only sent their name on a card with no address of their service on it. Sometimes, owing to a removal or being away on war work, it is impossible to get the service address of the old Scout, so do please let us have that address, and if it takes even a couple of months to find time to send a letter giving you some Scouting and other home news, your Scouter will write if he knows where to contact you through the service address. How many write and say I often think of you on troop night and wonder what you are doing that evening, or do you get the troop night interrupted, while many of those farther afield invariably ask is the old H.Q. still standing? Perhaps the quaintest of all is a letter three or four months after a Scout column has appeared relating something of interest to some old Scouts, asking for some details that have come into one's mind when writing that particular article. It is very necessary on those occasions to turn up the column in question to see exactly what did appear in print, to refresh the memory before replying to the letter, but it gives some satisfaction to know how much the war-time Scouting notes are read in the sandy wastes of the desert, or out in the wider domains in India or elsewhere.

Warrant Presentation.—On Saturday last the Ramsgate Central Composite Group held their Christmas and New Year tea and social at St. George's Parish Hall. A considerable number of parents came along in the evening and took part in the games and also watched some good items staged by the Scouts and Cubs. In recognition of the work he has carried on in the troop, under the G.S.M., Mr. W. R. Sherrington, a warrant as Assistant Scoutmaster was presented to Mr. Grant. The presentation of the Chief Scout's Warrant was made by the Assistant District Commissioner, on behalf of the District Commissioner. He expressed his appreciation of the strenuous efforts of the Scouts and Cubbers of the group, which has now reached a strength of 45, and of the efficient standard attained throughout the troop and pack, backed by the happy family spirit which prevails among parents and boys.

Badge Examiners.—The following additional appointments are made for examiners for proficiency badges by the Local Association:

Ambulance Badge—Mr. E. Waters, Lawnvillas, Ramsgate;

Cook's Badge and 1st Class Cooking—Miss H. Bowler, 6 Ellington-road, Ramsgate;

Musician's Badge—Mr. A. H. Atkins, 22/24 Harbour-street, Ramsgate.

In connection with badge examiners, the closer co-operation of the local Scout and Girl Guide Associations has been recently brought to a more practical stage as was considered mutually desirable at the post-war Scouting conference held earlier. Miss H. Bowler, who is well-known as the District Ranger Captain, has undertaken to test Scouts in outdoor cooking, and as she holds the Q.M. camp license, we shall now have an independent examiner for the Cook's Badge and 1st Class Cooking Tests who not only understands cooking, but cooking out of doors. I am also hoping to arrange about Easter time an outdoor practical cooking demonstration for all Scouts from the association on two evenings about a fortnight apart, run with the assistance of the Girl Guide Association. War conditions have made outdoor cooking a somewhat neglected topic, and it should prove a helpful and interesting experiment for us. On our side we have been able to help the Girl Guide Association in connection with their H.E.S. Armlet Tests, which correspond roughly with our War Service Patrols Armlet. The A.D.C. has this week tested some of the Rangers for the compass, map-reading and signalling tests, and in this way the Scouts and Guides—a brother and sister movement—not only help each other but also solve in a practical way the shortage of qualified examiners, particularly acute under conditions existing locally.

C.F.W.

BROADSTAIRS

National Savings.—National savings in Broadstairs for the week ended 2nd January amounted to £1,111, comprising £706 deposited in the Post Office Savings Bank, £393 in savings certificates and £10 in defence bonds

Sunday School Entertainment.—Arranged by Miss E. Ford, superintendent, and Mrs. Gore, the children of Holy Trinity School, Broadstairs, were entertained to a party at the Council School last week. After an excellent tea the children sang and played games.

Cyclist's Injury.—Mr. Colin Walker, of 84 Church-street, St. Peter's, sustained a foot injury when involved in a collision with an Army lorry while cycling along St. Peter's Park-road last week. A doctor who was passing took Mr. Walker home in his car.

Old Comrades' Whist.—Winners at the Royal Naval Old Comrades' whist drive held at the Clarendon Hotel, Broadstairs, were Mrs. Lisois, Mrs. Barker, Mr. Yates, Mr. Carey and Ptes. Needham, Humphrey and Torr. Mr. W. Lawrence was M.C. and Mrs. Ward distributed the prizes.

Victory Peal.—An anonymous gift, a board to commemorate the ringing of the church bells on 15th November in celebration of the victory of the Eighth Army in Egypt was unveiled and dedicated at St. Peter's Church last week. After Mr. G. Appleton, captain of the bellringers, had unveiled the board it was dedicated by the Rev. R. D. d'E. Meredith, priest-in-charge. The board bears the names or the ringers—Messrs. Appleton, W. Fairbeard (secretary), W. Gosbee, G. Ovenden, J. Hiscock, G. Beerling, E. Croft, G. Dunn, L. Saxby and F. Holton.

MR. H. T. WOOD

DEATH OF RAMSGATE TRADER

Head of the well-known Ramsgate firm of H. Wood and Co., butchers and provision merchants, of King-street, Mr. Henry Thomas Wood, of 7 Montefiore-avenue, Ramsgate, passed away on Tuesday at Ilton, near Illminster, Somerset.

Mr. Wood, who was about 74 years of age, had not enjoyed good health in recent years and left Ramsgate in the early summer of 1940.

The business was started by Mr. Wood's father, the late Alderman C. R. Wood, a Freeman of the borough, at premises in Queen-street. It expanded rapidly and Mr. Wood transferred it to more commodious premises in King-street.

Mr. Wood was at one time chairman of the Isle of Thanet Butchers' Association and during the last war played a prominent part in connection with the scheme for meat distribution in the town.

He leaves a widow, one son, who is carrying on the business, and one daughter.

The Funeral.

The funeral took place at Ramsgate Cemetery on Monday, when Mr. Wood was interred in the family grave.

The Rev. F. H. V. Fordham, curate of St. Lawrence Church, conducted the committal service, and the chief mourners were Mr. E. R. Wood (son), Mr. F. J. Wood (cousin), Mr. F. T. Blackburn (brother-in-law), Mr. W. E. Blackburn (nephew) and members of Mr. Wood's staff.

Floral tributes included those from: the widow; Kathleen; Ted and Muriel; Mary; Susie and Fred; Fred and Mabel; George and Flo; Lizzie; the children; Ethel and Will; Mr. and Mrs. Frank Wood; Mr. and Mrs. Sayer and family; Mrs. Laming, Marjorie and kiddies; Committee and members of Isle of Thanet and District Butchers' and Cattle Salesmen's Association; the staff; Ramsgate Butchers' Association.

Messrs. W. P. Blackburn and Son, of King-street, Ramsgate, conducted the funeral arrangements.

MR. WILLIAM MINTER

DEATH OF FORMER MARGATE TAX COLLECTOR

The funeral took place at Margate Cemetery on Saturday of Mr. William Minter, of 2 Madeira-road, Margate, who passed away at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Bellerby, at Canterbury, at the age of 87 years.

For over 30 years Mr. Minter was collector of taxes at Margate and he was responsible for the inauguration of the town's annual open chess tournament.

For about ten years before his appointment as collector of taxes at Margate, Mr. Minter was in business at Westgate as a draper, and was a member of Westgate Parish Council. He retired in 1933.

Chess was Mr. Minter's lifetime hobby. He was the pioneer of Margate Chess Club, holding the position of treasurer up to the time of his death, and his enthusiasm was responsible for bringing to the town many world-famous players to compete in the open chess tournaments.

A widower since 1910, Mr. Minter leaves one son, Sqdn.-Ldr. W. L. Minter, R.A.F., who is serving in the Middle East, and four daughters.

RAMSGATE ZEP. RAID RECALLED

A Zeppelin raid on Ramsgate during the last war was referred to at Bow-street police court on Monday when Ralph Eric Fraser, aged 54, a Home Guard battery Q.M.S., admitted that his story of acting as a rear gunner in a Halifax bomber in a raid on Duisburg was entirely untrue.

On a charge under the Defence Regulations Fraser was fined £50 and ordered to pay £25 costs.

Mr. Claude Hornby, defending, produced the Military Medal which he said was won by Fraser in 1917 for his conduct during a Zeppelin raid on Ramsgate.

"You have before you," said Mr. Hornby, "a real hero. It was not necessary for him to make himself out to be one. What it boils down to is that he is here for one piece of swank, but the lesson has been learned."

METHODIST CIRCUIT RALLY

The Methodist circuit rally, which before the war took place annually, was held in the Centenary Hall, Ramsgate, on Saturday, when a representative gathering of members of the various churches in the district heard the Rev. G. H. B. Brewin, of Canterbury, give a homely talk based on the text "The eternal God is thy refuge" (Deut. 33, verse 27).

Mr. Brewin said that Tolstoy once said that the most terrible thing in life was not the fear of death, for no brave man feared death, but the dread of an aimless, drifting life with no purpose behind it; to be lost in a spiritual wilderness. There was a great feeling of helplessness and hopelessness in the world today. People were asking where was God in these last few years. God might seem to be defeated, but He still reigned in quiet majesty, unshakable and eternal, and victory would come through the eternal love of God.

The Rev. D. L. Williams, superintendent minister of the Ramsgate Methodist circuit, who welcomed Mr. Brewin to the circuit rally, the purpose of which was to reduce the circuit debt, also thanked him for his encouraging sermon.

After the rally Mr. Stanley Board announced that the total received to date was £65 4s. 8d.

ROYAL NAVY LODGE OFFICERS

Bro. E. J. Yeo was installed Worshipful Master at a meeting of the Royal Navy Lodge of Freemasons at Ramsgate Masonic Temple last week.

Other officers were installed as follows: I.P.M., Bro. G. J. Kemp; S.W., Bro. A. Betts; J.W., Bro. C. B. Pearce; chaplain, the Rev. E. Langley, M.A.; treasurer, Bro. F. T. Blackburn; secretary, Bro. S. E. Standen; D.C., Bro. G. T. Edwards; S. D., Bro. W. G. Young; J.D., Bro. P. E. Stanley; A.D.C., Bro. J. E. W. Billings; almoner, Bro. W. J. Austen; assistant secretary, Bro. P. A. Goddard; I. G., Bro. F. W. Griggs; stewards, Bros. S. J. Spells, L. Buckmaster, R. A. Shaw, T. W. Lukehurst, H. P. Watford and G. J. Wighting.

CADET INSPECTION

The complete Ramsgate and Margate Army Cadet Unit is to be officially inspected on Sunday by Col. Burns, county commandant of the Kent County Cadets.

The inspection and march past is to take place on the West Cliff, Ramsgate, at 2.30 p.m. Col. Burns will be accompanied by Col. J. Crookenden, D.S.O., and Col. L. Cremer, commanding officer of the 1st Cadet Bat., The Buffs.

During the morning the cadets will attend a special film show at the Odeon Cinema.

UNDER INSTRUCTION

GUNNER WHO MISSED HALT SIGN

A soldier driving under instruction who was involved in a collision as a result of which a telegraph boy was knocked from his cycle was fined 10s. at Ramsgate police court on Monday for failing to obey a halt sign in Park-road on 19th December.

Defendant, who pleaded guilty, was Gnr. George Donald Lorimer Morris, aged 20, serving with the Royal Artillery.

P/C Close said that at 10.30 a.m. on 19th December defendant came to him and asked him to take particulars of an accident in which he had been involved at the junction of Park-road, Chatham-street and Boundary-road. Defendant made a statement in which he said he was driving a three-ton lorry along Park-road at about ten miles per hour and failed to notice the halt sign. He did not see the cyclist coming but heard him strike the rear of the lorry. He took the boy to the Post Office.

Sgt. Sankey, who was driving with Morris, said he also failed to notice the halt sign. Immediately previous to the halt sign were some cross-roads and behind the sign was an advertisement in similar colours to the sign itself. He considered the sign was in a very bad position.

Morris told the magistrates that he had been transferred from light to heavy vehicles and was under instruction at the time of the accident.

C/I Butcher said the sign was an authorised one and in the proper position. The boy's cycle was badly damaged. "This little boy did not have much chance against an Army lorry," commented the chief inspector.

The Clerk (Mr. E. A. Knight) read a letter from defendant's commanding officer in which he stated that Morris' conduct was a good example to his fellow gunners and that he was keen and thorough. His driving record had been unblemished.

The Chairman (Mr. H. J. Perry) said in view of defendant's good record the fine would be a light one of 10s.

PLEASURE SHIP AT WAR

ROYAL EAGLE'S PROUD RECORD

H.M.S. Royal Eagle, which in peacetime carried hundreds of thousands of Londoners from Tower Bridge to Southend, Ramsgate, and Margate, now has a proud record as a warship in the Royal Navy.

One of the largest paddle-steamers afloat in European waters, she was known in peace-time to a far wider public than Thames pleasure-seekers, having starred in two British films before the war.

This is her record in two years since she was commissioned as a warship:

Nights at sea—520;

Days at sea—132;

Mileage—25,000;

Times in action against aircraft —52;

Aircraft shot down—2 certain, many probables;

Honours—2 D.S.C's, 4 D.S.M's and 13 Mentions in Despatches;

Lives saved at sea—24.

This record takes no account of Dunkirk, where "The Royal," as she is known to her crew, made three trips, was dive-bombed 48 times and brought home just under 3,000 British troops. Each man of her ship's company who was on board at that time carries a silver penknife inscribed "Royal Eagle. Dunkirk, 1940." These were presented by members of the Cheshire Regiment, whom she brought home.

Eng. Lt.-Cdr. R. L. Helyer, D.S.O., R.N.R., who has served in the ship since she was built in 1933, has seen many changes from peace-time days.

The ship's five bars have now become respectively a spare cabin, the ship's office, a stowage for hammocks, a mess-deck pantry and a gunnery store. The soda fountain is now the stoker petty officers' mess-deck. The tea-room is the sick bay, and the grill-room a seamen's mess-deck. Guns now decorate the decks where Londoners used to take the sun.

One of her most distinguished passengers was Gen. Pownall, whom the "Royal" brought home from Dunkirk.

MR. H. E. ALLEN

DEATH OF RAMSGATE TRADER

Mr. Herbert Ernest Allen, who for the past ten years has carried on business at The Stores, 229 Hereson-road, Ramsgate, passed away at Ramsgate General Hospital on Saturday.

Fifty-four years of age, Mr. Allen was a native of Bognor Regis and he came to Ramsgate in 1912. At the outbreak of the last war he enlisted in the Queen's Royal West Surreys and early in 1915 was wounded in battle at Loos. For seven days he lay on the field of battle before being picked up by the Germans and he spent eight months in hospital at Cologne. From there he was transferred to Mannheim and later to Switzerland, from whence he returned after the Armistice.

In 1920 Mr. Allen opened a business in Alexandra-road, Ramsgate, and conducted it until 1933, when he moved to Hereson-road.

Mr. Allen leaves a widow and one son to mourn their loss. The son, Gnr. Herbert W. Allen, is serving with the Royal Artillery in this country.

The Doctor says—

IT WOULD BE R.I.P. BUT FOR THE M.O.H.

Medical officers of health are seldom men who roll in wealth, but they it is, by night and day, who keep the lurking germs away. Their salaries are paid by you, so you should know what work they do.

It's not just cleaning out a drain or answering when you complain of pigs that don't smell like roses or rubbish that offends your noses; in country districts or in towns he'll recommend the local council to do the things that should be done to guard the health of everyone. He runs the clinics for the mothers, the infants, school children, and others who may be suffering from T.B. or needing treatment for V.D. He tries to keep the milk and water from breeding germs they didn't oughter; inspects the houses in the town that need repairs or pulling down; sees that the meat and other food exposed for sale is fresh and good.

Infectious germs are kept from spreading by disinfecting rooms or bedding, and in many another way, he tries to keep disease at bay. When things go wrong, he's given hell, so give him praise when things go well.

On Service

NEWS OF THANET MEN AND WOMEN

After over three years of war the vast organisation of the Post Office is working as efficiently as ever in the public service in spite of the fact that large numbers of its employees have gone into the armed forces and Civil Defence. In this way the Ramsgate district staff, which includes Broadstairs and Minster, has lost more than 40 of its men who have left their counters and rounds for the sterner job of war.

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Seven of them are now serving in the Royal Corps of Signals where, no doubt, they have found their right vocation for all but one were sorting clerks and telegraphists. Sig. J. H. Ball and Sig. G. Clayton are both abroad, the former in India and the latter with the First Army in North Africa, while Sig. E. K. Brown, formerly a postman, is in the north of England after service in India and the Malay States. He was recalled to duty at the outbreak of war. Other members of the Ramsgate staff with the Signals in this country are Sigs. J. A. Boot, R. B. Gibb and G. F. Paramour, and the Broadstairs office is represented in the regiment by Sig. C. W. Godden.

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In addition to Sigs. Ball and Clayton, two staff men who joined the Army are serving abroad. Sgt. S. R. Offen rejoined The Buffs at the commencement of the war and, having fought in France, is now in the Middle East, and Sgt. L. V. Solley, R.A., who has been serving since the outbreak of hostilities, is in the Middle East theatre of war after experiencing the horrors of Crete. Both were employed as postmen at Ramsgate. Two postmen-drivers from Broadstairs, Sgt. H. P. Warren and Gnr. E. R. Beake, are with the Royal Artillery in England, the latter being a member of an H.A.A. battery.

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L/Cpl. L. A. Cole and Spr. J. Rose, postmen-drivers at Ramsgate and Broadstairs respectively, enlisted in the Royal Engineers, but unfortunately Spr. Rose was wounded and taken prisoner at Dunkirk, while his Ramsgate colleague is at a station in England. W. L. Hamilton left his job as a postman-driver at Broadstairs to join the Grenadier Guards and now possesses a stripe. Dvr. A. E. Hayward, formerly a Ramsgate postman, is serving in the R.A.S.C., and Pte. J. T. Hunt, a sorting clerk and telegraphist at Ramsgate, is now a member of the Beds. and Herts. Regiment. Dvr. V. G. Vidgen (postman-driver, Ramsgate) is seeing service in the R.E.M.E.

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So much for the 17 members of the staff who are doing their bit in the Army. Others have chosen to serve in different branches of the forces, among them Cpl. C. W. Gillman, who, rejoining the R.A.F. when war broke out, went to the Middle East in 1940 and took part in both the first and second advances in the western desert. He will be remembered as a postman at Ramsgate. Ldg. Acm. C. J. Berry, Sgt. W. H. Jump and Acm. 2 A. E. Sayer are the other members of the Ramsgate outdoor staff now in the R.A.F. and all three are in England, Sgt. Jump having been evacuated from Dunkirk after service in France. Cpl. B. T. Reeves (sorting clerk and telegraphist, Ramsgate) is another airman who fought in France and he is now in the Middle East. The only Broadstairs postman with the R.A.F. is Acm. 2 R. F. Dobson.

You like to have news from your sons and daughters in the forces—so do we. We invite you to pass on their stories to us so that their friends may know how they are getting along.

No fewer than 11 of the district's staff who were members of the R.N.V.R. rejoined the Navy at the outbreak of war and one of them, W. F. Goodbourn, a Broadstairs postman, is serving in a submarine. Other postmen-drivers and postmen who have left the same office to return to naval duties include Ldg. Smn. L. Andrews, Ldg. Smn. H. R. Clark, C/P/O W. D'Eath and A/B E. B. G. Foord. Ldg. Smn. Andrews has served in many seas and the other three are at stations in this country. Of the Naval Reserve men from the Ramsgate office, C/P/O A. R. Fagg and Ldg. Smn. F. C. Hill, both postmen, assisted in the evacuation of troops from Dunkirk, while C/P/O W. T. Seers is at Tobruk, having seen service in the Mediterranean. Another two former postmen, P/O C. Weitzel, who is at "Gib.," and Ldg. Smn. P. T. Dapson, now in this country, have seen plenty of the world. F. C. Hammond, a Ramsgate postman-driver, is engaged in convoy work and last summer he had the grim experience of spending eight days in an open boat in the South Atlantic.

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Notable in the list of postal men who are serving their country is the name of Chief Yeo. Signals E. W. James, who has been mentioned in despatches and decorated with the Distinguished Service Medal. A naval reserve, he rejoined the service at the outbreak of war and is at a station in England.

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A member of the Minster office staff, Mne. W. S. Heyes rejoined the Royal Marines when the war started and was sent to the Mediterranean, but he is now at a depot in England. J. A. Walkling, in peace-time a postman at Broadstairs, is now a member of the National Fire Service.

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Stkr. P/O H. L. Smith, formerly a Minster postman, and W. F. Conway rejoined the Navy and the Royal Artillery respectively in 1939 but they were discharged owing to ill-health during 1941. The former is now at the Ramsgate office and the latter at Broadstairs.

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One Ramsgate postman has made the supreme sacrifice—Bdr. F. J. Ough, R.A., who was killed during the Battle of Crete. Another, Stkr. P/O E. J. L. Grant, serving with the Royal Navy, was recently reported missing presumed killed.

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Messrs. J. W. Allright, F. C. P. Biart, J. A. Bishop, C. H. Port and C. Simmonds, all sorting clerks and telegraphists, are on loan to the wireless department and are performing duty in various parts.

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For his assistance in preparing the information contained in the above paragraphs we are indebted to Mr. T. J. White, the energetic secretary of the Ramsgate branch of the Union of Post Office Workers.

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An old St. Georgian, Raoul Tucker, of Rosemary-avenue, Broadstairs, is now a pilot officer in the R.A.F. Formerly a teacher at St. George's Sunday Schools, he was employed in peace-time by Messrs. Vinten and Son, the auctioneers. He and his brother Ray, also an old St. Georgian, who is engaged in armament work, formerly rang the chimes at St. George's Church.

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George Stewart, of Carlton-avenue, Broadstairs, a popular member of Broadstairs Sailing Club, was home on leave recently wearing both English and American wings. He trained in this country and the States and has been engaged on the Atlantic ferry service.

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Sgt. C. P. Flowerdew, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Flowerdew, writes from "the wilds, midst strange scenes," to say that he is enjoying his "Cook's tour." His brother, Sgt.-Air-Gnr. Adrian Flowerdew, R.A.F., has been on leave this week.

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A Margate man, Acm. R. J. Blakeney, is serving with the R.A.F. at Nassau, Bahamas, British West Indies, and there he has met Harry Jones formerly swimming instructor at Clifton Baths, whose family live at Ramsgate. Acm. Blakeney has gained an R.A.F. boxing title as a light-weight champion and looks forward to some scraps when he returns home.

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Ldg. Acm. Lewis (Jim) Robinson, R.A.F., of 29 Marine-terrace, Margate, who joined the service in July, 1940, is stationed in Ceylon. He is 28 years of age and prior to the war was engaged with his brothers in a fancy goods business.

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Thrilling adventure has come the way of Terry Ashwood, who was well-known as a press photographer in Margate before the war. As an official war photographer for Pathe, he went out to the Middle East two years ago and of the party of men in the same job with whom he travelled he is the only one who has either not been taken prisoner or recalled. Enjoying a short rest from "shooting" in the battle zones recently, he met a press colleague, Sec.-Lt. F. G. Redman, R.A.S.C., of Margate.

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Pte. Evelyn Rankin, of 91 Boundary-road, Ramsgate, who joined the A.T.S. shortly before Christmas, enjoyed 48 hours' leave at her home during the week-end.

RHEUMATISM

Those racking spasms of agony in limbs and joints—there is nothing like Sloans Liniment to give you lasting relief. Just apply a few drops to the throbbing muscles the tingling, comforting warmth of Sloans soon drives away the crippling pain. Sloans effectively breaks up all congestion, and limbs can be freely moved without pain. Let Sloans end your suffering! Just as good for lumbago, neuritis, sciatica and cramp.

All Chemists and Stores sell Sloans.

Not a twinge now!

SLOANS Liniment KILLS PAIN

RAMSGATE

Estimates for Removal or Storage.—Hardings, 3 Staffordshire-street, Turner-street, Ramsgate.

Whist Drives held every evening at Ramsgate Working Men's Club, Chatham-place, at 7 p.m., in aid of the Red Cross Fund. Admission 1s. Good prizes.

Ramsgate to Enter.—Ramsgate is to enter a team for the Rescue and First Aid Parties regional competition, for which the Regional Commissioner has offered a challenge cup.

License Transfer.—Ramsgate magistrates on Monday consented to the transfer of the license of the Albion Hotel from the executors of the late James Marzetti to John Constantine Marzetti.

Whist Drives every Thursday at 3 p.m., at the Gymnasium, Clarendon House, Ramsgate, in aid of Red Cross Fund and Mayor's Services Comforts Fund alternately. Admission 1s. Good prizes.

Tunnel Aid Posts.—Miss F. E. Yeadon, formerly nurse-in-charge of the Mobile Aid Post staffed by Ramsgate General Hospital, has been designated nurse-in-charge of the medical aid posts in Ramsgate deep tunnel shelters.

Hospital Donation.—Ramsgate General Hospital acknowledges with warmest thanks a donation of £1 1s. from Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Foster, of 56b High-street, Margate, in lieu of flowers to the memory of the late Mr. C. P. Hartley.

National Savings.—National savings in Ramsgate for the week ended 2nd January amounted to £11,003, comprising £9,057 deposited in the Post Office Savings Bank, £1,105 in defence bonds and £941 in savings certificates.

You cannot do better than take anything you have to sell to an old-established firm. Prosser and Newbery buy old gold jewellery, silver plate, glass, cutlery, etc. Licensed valuers. 47 and 48 Queen-street, Ramsgate.

Baptist Social.—The congregation of Cavendish Baptist Church, Ramsgate, enjoyed indoor games and competitions at a New Year social held in the church hall. The progamme arranged, by Mrs. F. Knott, included contributions by Miss Solly and Mr. and Mrs. S. Copley, and refreshments were provided by Mrs. H. Moore. At the close of the evening the minister (the Rev. Harcourt Samuel) offered family prayers.

Home Guard Darts.—The D (Ramsgate) Co., Home Guard, lost by five matches to four when they were entertained in a darts match by the Prince Albert Inn, Ramsgate, last week. After the match Mr. S. Gold entertained on the piano and humorous items were provided by Cpl. E. Sackett and L/Cpl. H. Matthews. A collection was taken during the evening and, at the suggestion of Sgt. A. Nichols, the sum of £2 15s. raised is being donated to the Red Cross and St. John Prisoners of War Fund.

Prisoners of War Fund.—The Mayor of Ramsgate (Alderman A. B. C. Kempe) has been granted permission to organise a street collection on behalf of Ramsgate Prisoners of War Fund on 15th February. The fund is to be administered by a sub-committee of the Mayor's Services Comforts Fund, and the Town Council have nominated Alderman T. W. Mockridge and Councillor F. C. Miller to serve on the sub-committee.

MINSTER.

Cemetery Caretaker.—Minster Council have decided to extend for a further three months the appointment of Mr. Fright as temporary caretaker at the cemetery.

Committee Appointment.—Councillor H. V. Vokes has been appointed to fill the vacancy on Minster Parochial Committee caused by the death of Councillor C. Beerling, and he has also been appointed to the Recreation Ground Committee. Councillor Mrs. Harris succeeds Councillor Beerling on the Carey Charity Committee.

Dangerous Corner.—At Tuesday's meeting of Minster Council reference was again made to the dangerous road junction between Minster-lane and Foxborough-road. Several times the Council have asked that a halt sign should be erected but Eastry Council say no signs are available. Councillor the Rev. A. W. MacMichael said they should try desperate measures. They had been polite long enough. It was suggested that the sign at the top of Minster hill might be transferred and Councillor the Rev. T. A. Keniry promised to bring the matter before Eastry Council.

NEW VICAR WELCOMED

The Mayor and Mayoress (Councillor and Mrs. F. J. Cornford) were present when the new Vicar of Margate, the Rev. K. Percival Smith, and Mrs. Smith were welcomed at a parish social at St. John's School on Saturday.

Mr. C. C. Maughan (Vicar's warden) said they would find Mr. Smith a man after their own hearts. It was not every man, he said, who would accept the living of Margate to-day. The town was still in the danger area and 75 per cent. of the congregation had gone away.

MAINTAINING COUNCIL ECONOMY

Reporting on his audit of the accounts of Ramsgate Corporation for the year ended 31st March, 1941, Mr. E. H. V. Weigall, District Auditor, states:

"The audit had been directed to satisfy myself that economy is being effected in expenditure and that essential safeguards are being maintained to ensure the record and receipt of income. In my opinion no criticism can be directed on this score having due regard to staff depletion and the difficulties under which the Council and its officials are carrying out their functions."

School Examinations.—Details of examinations for entry to Ramsgate county secondary schools and St. George's Central School will be found in our publicity columns.

Births, Marriages, Deaths

The PREPAID charges for these announcements are 1d. per word (minimum: Births and Deaths 1/6, Marriages, Return Thanks and In Memoriam 2/6).

BIRTHS

Debling.—1st January, the wife of William Debling, 94 Grange-road, Ramsgate, of a son.

Plumb.—6th January, at Bedford, the wife of Spr. T. Plumb, R.E.P.S., of a daughter.

MARRIAGES

Amos—Stiles.—3rd January, at St. Andrew's Church, Eltham, Romney Trevor Amos, of Garlinge, to Irene Aline Stiles, of Eltham.

Brett—Andrews.—9th January, at the Parish Church of St. John the Baptist, Great Clacton, Pte. John Douglas Brett, Northern Ireland Forces, of St. Peter's, Thanet, to Patricia Clarice Andrews, of Great Clacton.

Buddle—Keeling.—6th January, at Stavely Church, Derbyshire, Sgt. A. W. Buddle, R.A.F., of Ramsgate, to Mamie Keeling, of Stavely Town, Derbyshire.

Vicary—Shaw.—2nd January, at the Church of the Holy Trinity, Brompton, London, by the Rev. M. A. C. Warren, Lt. Peter Moor Vicary, R.A.M.C., of Margate, to Dr. Patricia Betty Shaw, of Leatherhead.

DEATHS

Allen.—6th January, at Temple Cottage, New Cross-street, Margate, Albert Edward Allen, aged 73 years.

Allen.—9th January, at Ramsgate General Hospital, Herbert Ernest, dearly-loved husband of Norah Allen, of The Stores, 229 Hereson-road, Ramsgate, passed peacefully away, aged 54 years.

Bates.—3rd January, at Hillcroft, Goodwin-road, Ramsgate, Mercy Leonoid Bates, aged 86 years.

Carter.—2nd January, at The Forstal, St. Peter's-road, Margate, James Carter, aged 82 years.

Creese.—31st December, at Tangier, Chilton-lane, Ramsgate, Emma Creese.

Finch.—7th January, at Margate General Hospital, Edith Emily Finch, of Ismalia, Canterbury-road, Birchington.

Goodyear.—31st December, 1942, on active service, 2nd-Lt. James Julian Paul Goodyear (Jim), aged 22 years, Royal Corps of Signals, the dearly-loved son of May and Fred Goodyear. Formerly of Chatham House School and the Thanet School of Art.

Kember.—3rd January, at the Royal Alexandra Hospital and Convalescent Home, Rhyl, N. Wales, Rose Hester Victorine Kember, in her 84th year. Interred at Ramsgate Cemetery.

Knight.—9th January, at Elmhurst, Balfour-road, Walmer, Edwin David Knight, for 50 years a resident of Ramsgate, passed peacefully away at the age of 87.

Minter.—6th January, at 46 St. Stephen's-road, Canterbury, William Minter, of 2 Madeira-road, Margate, aged 87 years.

Simmonds.—2nd January, George Simmonds, of 5 Belmont-road, Westgate.

IN MEMORIAM

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